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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 MS. BEAL: Let me just begin by saying that
4 my name is Julie Beal. I'm with the National
5 Transportation Safety Board in Washington, D.C.

6 This interview is being conducted in
7 furtherance of our investigation of the U.S.S.
8 Greenville and the Ehime Maru off the coast of Pearl
9 Harbor, Hawaii.

10 And if you would please state your name for
11 the record and spell it?

12 MS. SCHNUR: Okay. It's Susan. You want
13 to spell the first name, too?

14 MS. BEAL: No, your last name --

15 MS. SCHNUR: Okay. It's Susan Schnur, S-C-
16 H-N-U-R.

17 MS. BEAL: Great. And would you give your
18 address, please, for the record?

19 MS. SCHNUR: (Address omitted from
20 transcript)

21 MS. BEAL: Very good. And Mrs. Schnur, if
22 you would just in your own words take your time and
23 walk through the events from the time you arrived at
24 the naval base at Pearl Harbor and just describe for

1 the record, please, if you would, basically what you
2 were told, you know, any announcements or briefings
3 that you heard, what you saw, what you heard, what
4 you did. Just sort of walk me through the events of
5 the day starting at the time that maybe you arrived
6 at Pearl Harbor, which I understand was around 8:30
7 a.m.? Is that correct?

8 MS. SCHNUR: I -- I don't -- I don't
9 remember the exact time. I remember that -- that we
10 were meeting to leave the hotel at 5:30.

11 MS. BEAL: Okay. Well, --

12 MS. SCHNUR: But you're probably right. By
13 the time that we -- we waited for a while for Ro.
14 She's the -- she was the naval escort.

15 MS. BEAL: Uh huh.

16 MS. SCHNUR: We waited for her in the
17 parking lot before we were even on the base, and we
18 probably waited there a good half hour. And then we
19 -- we followed her in -- in our -- in our van, and I
20 believe we had two cars with the 14 people that --
21 that our particular group was with.

22 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

23 MS. SCHNUR: And we just followed her in --
24 to the side of the submarine.

1 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

2 MS. SCHNUR: And once we got to the
3 submarine --

4 MS. BEAL: Did she give any briefing prior
5 to your boarding the submarine?

6 MS. SCHNUR: I don't remember. I -- I -- I
7 do not remember any briefing. I remember she -- she
8 accepted -- we had signed waivers and she took
9 those. And when we got to the side of the submarine
10 there was a chief of staff there. His name was
11 something Brandhuber. And he met us, shook our
12 hands, and invited us aboard. I also believe the
13 captain met us outside the submarine too, but I
14 don't remember that for sure.

15 MS. BEAL: Okay.

16 MS. SCHNUR: And then we were all escorted
17 into the -- the mess, the -- the crew's mess. And
18 there we were asked to be seated and then we
19 received a briefing.

20 MS. BEAL: Okay. Can you describe the
21 briefing a little bit?

22 MS. SCHNUR: Well, it was -- it was very
23 casual. We had a general slide show from the XO
24 Pfeiffer. I think that was who did it. And then a

1 couple other people spoke. And they just showed us
2 the general -- general things about the Navy and
3 submarines, nothing -- nothing terribly specific.

4 And I think -- I -- I just -- I don't
5 remember the specifics of who said what where. But
6 in general they told us that -- that it was going to
7 be a great day and we were going to be getting
8 tours, we would have a chance to go up on the
9 bridge, that we'd have a -- a chance to go stand up
10 outside as we were leaving the port, not once we
11 were getting into the choppiest waters. But
12 everything and everywhere that we went was -- was
13 going to be carefully escorted.

14 He told us the areas, and when I say "he" I
15 do not remember who specifically. But they told us
16 that -- that we could not go -- the areas we could
17 not go in, and specifically that was the -- the
18 reactor area, and he showed us which door and said
19 do not go past here at all. That -- that -- that's
20 a no-no. But he said since somebody'll always be
21 with you you'll -- you'll know that -- that there'll
22 always be someone to tell you you can't go in there.

23 MS. BEAL: Let me -- could I ask a couple
24 questions here?

1 MS. SCHNUR: Okay.

2 MS. BEAL: What was the size of your group?

3 MS. SCHNUR: The group that we were in,
4 there was 14. And then there was another couple who
5 ended up coming down to the crew's mess as we were
6 seated.

7 MS. BEAL: Okay.

8 MS. SCHNUR: And we did not know them.

9 MS. BEAL: Okay.

10 Okay. That was all. Go ahead. So you're
11 -- so you were showed now off -- the reactor area's
12 off limits, and go ahead.

13 MS. SCHNUR: Yeah. And he told us that --
14 that there were -- we might encounter other things
15 and he would -- he would tell us what is off-limits
16 and what is not. And they talked about general
17 don't touch any buttons, don't -- don't do anything
18 without the permission of. They had us -- they
19 handed out some literature on -- on submarines and
20 they went over it just very, very, very briefly.
21 And they also told us that if we had brought cameras
22 that -- to please ask prior to taking any pictures
23 but that they would be very specific when they did
24 not want a picture taken.

1 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

2 MS. SCHNUR: And -- and they said that --
3 that some of the areas that were off-limits were
4 sonar and the -- can't remember what other areas
5 they said. Anything that showed what -- what level
6 they were, what depth, that that was going to be
7 off-limits. But again, they said don't worry, we
8 will definitely let you know when -- when pictures
9 are not permitted.

10 MS. BEAL: Okay.

11 MS. SCHNUR: And then, at that point the
12 captain -- the captain was in there sporadically, I
13 just don't remember what parts of the speech that he
14 gave. But at that point --

15 MS. BEAL: Okay. But this is all still
16 taking place in the crew mess, correct?

17 MS. SCHNUR: Yeah, we were all just sitting
18 in the crew's mess.

19 MS. BEAL: Okay.

20 MS. SCHNUR: They had us -- they had
21 styrofoam cups and they had us put a name or a
22 design on them and they said that they were going to
23 be throwing those out in, like, a mesh bag outside
24 as we submerged. And then when we got back up, when

1 it was time to leave they would -- they would bring
2 those back in for us and -- and they -- we could see
3 what the pressure does to those.

4 So anyway, they were just -- they were just
5 kind of setting up the tour and trying to get us
6 excited for the things that we were going to see and
7 assuring us that it would be safe and we would be --
8 we would totally enjoy it.

9 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

10 MS. SCHNUR: And then at the time he said -
11 - the captain said, we'll bring a group of you, and
12 I don't recall how many 'cause I was not involved in
13 that group, and you can go out and stand outside the
14 -- and I don't remember what they call -- it's the
15 long part of the sub where people can stand outside
16 of. And they all had to put on life -- life
17 preservers --

18 MS. BEAL: Right.

19 MS. SCHNUR: -- whatever. I just don't
20 remember what that -- that is called. It's like the
21 platform out -- actually outside where the water's
22 on both sides but -- but there were officers or
23 crewmen up there with them.

24 MS. BEAL: Right.

1 MS. SCHNUR: And then -- and then he said
2 that he would take four up to the bridge. And that
3 was -- we -- we -- I should say, "I." Tony and I
4 had a chance to go up on that particular part. And
5 they -- they strapped us with I don't know what you
6 call them but very protective gear to as when we got
7 up there we were strapped onto railings up on the
8 bridge. And -- and the bridge is -- is that -- that
9 part that sticks way up.

10 MS. BEAL: Right.

11 MS. SCHNUR: Up on the top.

12 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

13 MS. SCHNUR: And so we were up there with
14 the captain and there were two other crewmen there
15 up there at the time. I believe that's where they
16 steer. And then I don't recall how long we were up
17 there, but we -- we were up there for a good --
18 minimum five -- five minutes.

19 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

20 MS. SCHNUR: Perhaps more than that.

21 And from that point on, we went back
22 downstairs, and I think we were back in the crew's
23 mess for -- for a while. And then we were taken on
24 a tour. And most of our tour was conducted by -- I

1 don't remember what his rank was, but it was Meador,
2 M-E-A-D-O-R. And he took us on a -- on a very
3 extensive tour of the submarine. And he -- he gave
4 detailed explanations of -- of things that,
5 obviously, he was allowed to and he was very, very
6 good about answering questions.

7 But he -- he took us to all the parts of
8 the submarine that we were allowed or cleared to
9 see.

10 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

11 MS. SCHNUR: I could never take you in
12 order of -- of --

13 MS. BEAL: Right.

14 MS. SCHNUR: -- of what we did --

15 MS. BEAL: That's fine.

16 MS. SCHNUR: -- because there were so many
17 things. And I -- I'm not -- I'm not -- I'm not a
18 guy so those kinds of things it was very neat to see
19 but I could never retain what it is I saw.

20 MS. BEAL: Right.

21 MS. SCHNUR: But I found it to be very
22 interesting. They were very polite. They never
23 left us. He was very good about introducing us to
24 other crew members. The other crew members were

1 very, very kind, very helpful, very informative if
2 there were questions. If -- if we were -- like,
3 specifically in the torpedo room. He sometimes
4 allowed other crew members to tell us what it is
5 that they do because that may have been their
6 particular piece of equipment or their particular
7 specialty.

8 And then -- then after that I think we --
9 we ended up back up in the control room.

10 MS. BEAL: Now, are you still -- the group
11 has been broken into a smaller group now?

12 MS. SCHNUR: The group has been broken up
13 into a smaller group but I think that there were --
14 there may have been eight of us.

15 MS. BEAL: Okay. So about half and half?

16 MS. SCHNUR: I think it was about half and
17 half.

18 MS. BEAL: Okay.

19 MS. SCHNUR: And it probably was that way
20 because they also split us up for lunch --

21 MS. BEAL: Okay.

22 MS. SCHNUR: -- and they -- they could only
23 do half at a time.

24 But there were -- there were one or two

1 that got seasick and ended up having to lie down in
2 -- in the officer's quarters from our group, so --
3 so there were -- there were never the same people
4 there at -- at the same time.

5 But anyway, after -- after the -- the main
6 tour we went up to the control room. And at that
7 time we were not submerged. We were still on top.

8 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

9 MS. SCHNUR: I think. I don't remember. I
10 don't remember when we actually submerged.

11 MS. BEAL: It's tough when there are no
12 windows, huh?

13 MS. SCHNUR: No -- exactly.

14 (Laughter)

15 MS. SCHNUR: Exactly. And they -- they
16 showed us -- there wasn't a whole lot of explanation
17 as to what everything was in the control room, but
18 they just -- they just kind of allowed us to watch
19 and see what was going on, which wasn't a whole lot
20 at the time.

21 And then -- then somebody stuck their head
22 out of the sonar room and said that they had found
23 live whales and that if we were interested we could
24 go in and listen. So we did go in and we listened,

1 and we were in there a good 10 to 15 minutes just
2 kind of listening the whales and -- and the two --
3 there were actually three crew members in there at
4 the time. Just kind of explained their job and --
5 and allowed us to listen and it was just -- just
6 that -- that is what it was.

7 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

8 MS. SCHNUR: And at the time we were doing
9 that I think the first round of lunch was going on.

10 MS. BEAL: Okay.

11 MS. SCHNUR: Because I recall a few times
12 the XO Pfeiffer kept saying that he was going to go
13 down and push them along because they were taking a
14 long time eating. I believe the commander was down
15 with that first group and they -- and he led the
16 first lunch.

17 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

18 MS. SCHNUR: And so this -- this time we
19 were just kind of -- just looking around, constantly
20 being supervised or -- or being watched or being led
21 or being instructed but -- but we just kind of spent
22 a lot of time up there until it was time for us to
23 go down to lunch. And then we switched off the
24 groups. I think the groups went upstairs and we

1 went down, and we had our lunch.

2 And then I think when we got done with
3 lunch, and -- and -- again, I'm not 100 percent
4 sure, but I think that's when we went up because it
5 was time to start maneuvers.

6 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

7 MS. SCHNUR: Again, I do not remember when
8 we submerged, but at some point we did. Yeah, I --
9 I just don't remember. We may have been during
10 lunch. I just do not remember.

11 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm. That's fine.

12 MS. SCHNUR: I just -- I just -- I cannot
13 remember. But then we eventually all ended up in
14 the control room. And I specifically -- by the time
15 we got up there there was room for me to stand and
16 not -- not feel uncomfortable or feel like I was in
17 anybody's way. I was standing -- it was kind of a
18 big, heavy desk thing off to the -- off to the right
19 shoulder of the commander but I was not right off
20 his shoulder. I was about five feet from -- five --
21 five to 10 feet from his shoulder. I'm not good
22 with the distance.

23 MS. BEAL: Were these the tables with the
24 charts on them?

1 MS. SCHNUR: No, those were in the back.

2 MS. BEAL: Okay.

3 MS. SCHNUR: And I don't -- I don't have a
4 diagram 'cause I don't know what -- what they called
5 it, but there was like -- there was like -- the
6 place for the -- the skipper to stand, and he had a
7 microphone and behind him were the -- the two
8 periscopes and there was a red phone. That's where
9 he was. Off to his right several feet there was --
10 there was a desk and it was -- I remember it very
11 clear -- it was a very small desk. It was like a --
12 a square. It was -- or almost like a podium --

13 MS. BEAL: Okay.

14 MS. SCHNUR: -- kind of a thing. And I
15 remember deciding I wanted to stand there because it
16 was not in any way near any -- any instruments and
17 if I stood up next to it people could get around me.
18 And also, if I held onto it as we were doing
19 maneuvers the thing wouldn't move so that it was a
20 really easy thing to hold onto. I never had to put
21 my arms up or anything. I could -- I could stand
22 against that and never -- never feel like I needed
23 to grab onto anywhere else. So I liked where I was
24 'cause I felt like I was totally out of the way --

1 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

2 MS. SCHNUR: -- of anybody. And that's
3 where I stood for the maneuvers.

4 And to start the maneuvers he did several
5 side-by-side -- I don't remember if they called it
6 rolling or whatever, but it's where you would -- you
7 would veer off to the right several degrees and then
8 you would straighten out and then veer to the left
9 to several degrees. And then whatever. I don't --
10 I don't remember -- the angles. I think they called
11 'em angles.

12 MS. BEAL: Uh huh. And who was operating
13 the -- the ship at that point?

14 MS. SCHNUR: The commander.

15 MS. BEAL: Okay.

16 MS. SCHNUR: There was also an officer in
17 charge. His name was Cohen.

18 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm. Okay.

19 MS. SCHNUR: But -- but primarily through
20 these maneuvers it -- it was -- I would say that --
21 well, all the commands were coming from the
22 commander.

23 MS. BEAL: Okay.

24 MS. SCHNUR: All the commands were coming

1 from the commander. And there were -- there were
2 several members of the crew in there, but I -- I
3 don't -- I do not know how many.

4 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

5 MS. SCHNUR: But he was being very specific
6 about what he wanted them to do and gauging how they
7 did after they did certain maneuvers and kind of
8 telling us what he was -- what he was looking for
9 and what -- what -- what angles he wanted to reach.
10 But again, that -- that -- that's really not my
11 forte so I wasn't paying that close attention as to
12 depth or -- or what angle they made or whatever. I
13 was kind of in it for the sensation.

14 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

15 MS. SCHNUR: And then after he did these --
16 these -- these angles he told us that we were going
17 to do "the blow." And I -- I -- I'll be honest
18 again. I was not paying that close of attention. I
19 had no idea I really needed to be. And I -- and I --
20 - I -- I don't know if I knew exactly what it was we
21 were going to be doing. When he said that we were
22 going to be doing a blow and -- and letting water
23 out of the -- and -- and coming straight up, I kind
24 of had a -- had a visualization in my mind. But now

1 that I've seen the news reports and whatever it's
2 very much, much clearer -- much, much clearer in my
3 mind what we were doing than it was at the time we
4 were doing it.

5 MS. BEAL: So he didn't -- at no point did
6 you get a briefing on what it was that this -- that
7 this maneuver was about?

8 MS. SCHNUR: Oh, he did. He -- he did
9 tell. I just -- I guess I wasn't --

10 MS. BEAL: You just didn't visualize it. I
11 see.

12 MS. SCHNUR: -- following it or -- or
13 didn't -- it wasn't that I didn't care. I just -- I
14 guess I was deciding to myself -- I'm not a
15 mechanical -- mechanically-inclined person so I -- I
16 wasn't really following what it was he was saying.
17 He was speaking in -- in somewhat technical terms,
18 although I'm sure that people that were paying
19 attention, real close attention completely
20 understood what it was that -- that he was saying.
21 I guess I was just kind of absorbing and watching
22 and -- and not paying close enough attention to what
23 it was we were doing.

24 And I had a very good grasp on this podium

1 thing and I knew that no matter what we did I
2 wouldn't have to worry about what -- which way we
3 were going or whatever, that I had a -- a good -- a
4 good firm grasp. And I was kind of out of the
5 action.

6 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

7 MS. SCHNUR: I was -- I was away. I was --
8 I was away on the side where there really wasn't any
9 action.

10 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm. Okay.

11 MS. SCHNUR: But he did. He did explain
12 what we were doing. I just --

13 MS. BEAL: Okay.

14 MS. SCHNUR: -- I guess I -- I'm not sure
15 that I cared enough to know precisely what it was we
16 were doing. I'm not the engineering type.

17 MS. BEAL: Right.

18 MS. SCHNUR: But he did -- no, I will give
19 him credit. He did do a good job explaining. I
20 just -- it was me --

21 MS. BEAL: Okay.

22 MS. SCHNUR: -- that wasn't really into it
23 in that respect.

24 And so -- I'm trying to think of how the

1 sequence was.

2 And I can't tell you exactly what commands
3 he called out because, as I said, I wasn't -- I just
4 wasn't paying enough attention to what it was we
5 were trying to do, although when -- when he said we
6 were going to be coming up to periscope depth I
7 obviously understood what that meant because as we
8 got there the periscopes came down and Officer Cohen
9 did at least two sweeps. I thought it was three.

10 And -- and we could see what he was seeing
11 through the periscope because there was a flat
12 screen monitor both in the -- where the controls
13 were up towards -- it was -- would be up towards my
14 right, and that was a big screen. And then there
15 was also a small screen kind of behind me over my
16 left shoulder. And I could see it on the small
17 screen and I could also see it on the big screen.
18 So when he was sweeping I -- I knew that -- that we
19 were at a point where -- where, obviously, we could
20 see outside.

21 And -- and -- and I didn't see anything. I
22 mean it looked to me like a bunch of nothing. It
23 was very white, very clear, although you could see
24 the shapes of the waves. I mean it -- it looked to

1 me like he was looking it and -- and it was clear.
2 And he was kind of announcing what it was he was
3 going to be doing.

4 And the XO Pfeiffer, he -- he was in the
5 sonar room and he kind of peeked out. And the
6 commander walked into the sonar room. I -- I do not
7 know for how long, but that kind of happened in
8 front of me 'cause I was very close to the sonar
9 room. And it wasn't very long. He came back out
10 and he said, let me take a look. And he did, I
11 thought, three sweeps with the periscope but it
12 could have been two. I don't know at what point his
13 rotation was complete, but I would say it was
14 between two and three sweeps. And again, didn't see
15 anything.

16 And during his sweeps Pfeiffer stuck his
17 head out of the sonar room again, and I don't
18 remember this conversation verbatim, but he said
19 something and the commander looked at him and said,
20 yes, XO, I saw it, I'm fully aware of it. And
21 Pfeiffer said something again, I do not remember.
22 And the commander said, yes, it's probably best that
23 you stay in the sonar room. I do not know what that
24 meant, but that -- that was just something I

1 observed.

2 And then he finished the periscope sweep
3 and gave his commands to -- to do the blow. And I
4 do not remember technically, again, what -- what the
5 command was or -- or even the conversation that he
6 had, but he was very, very in tune and very in
7 control of -- of what his commands were. And his
8 officers were paying strict attention to what it was
9 their particular jobs were. I mean they were
10 extraordinarily professional.

11 I must go back, though. When we got on the
12 deck and we -- before we started doing these angles
13 and maneuvers the captain said, okay, we have
14 several guests up here and -- and I want you to know
15 that you're going to need to hang on, we're going to
16 be doing some moves. If you feel that this may
17 disturb you or bother you in any way you may want to
18 go down and sit down in the -- in the -- in the crew
19 -- in the crew's mess. And he said, then you'll
20 also get some really good visualizations of the --
21 there's -- they have, like, water coolers and juice
22 coolers, things like that.

23 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

24 MS. SCHNUR: Doing angles he said you can -

1 - you can just see exactly how far you're turning
2 because of the angle that -- that the juice of the
3 liquids turn.

4 MS. BEAL: Hmm.

5 MS. SCHNUR: And he said that -- that you
6 might get a good view down there. He said, but if
7 you choose to stay on -- in -- in the control room I
8 have very strict rules. You do not get in the way,
9 you do not touch anything, and -- touch anything
10 without permission, and you do -- you do not talk.
11 And so he made those rules very clear.

12 So -- so back into doing the thing. When
13 he was talking nobody responded unless he was --
14 actually speaking to a particular person, to which
15 he would tell that particular person he was talking
16 to them by name and they would respond to him.

17 MS. BEAL: Okay. So there was no talking
18 among the -- among the civilians?

19 MS. SCHNUR: No.

20 MS. BEAL: Okay.

21 MS. SCHNUR: There may have been a couple
22 little oohs and aahs when an angle were done or
23 maybe a laugh here and there, but it was nothing --
24 nothing that would have disturbed, that wouldn't

1 have been --

2 MS. BEAL: Right.

3 MS. SCHNUR: -- anything that would have
4 interfered with any commands. I think the crew
5 members were talking amongst themselves as well or -
6 - or -- or telling -- they may have been telling
7 what point they were or numbers or whatever, but the
8 -- the only thing that you heard, really, was the
9 crew talking.

10 MS. BEAL: Okay.

11 MS. SCHNUR: And -- and everybody was very
12 respectful of that too because we didn't know what
13 was going on and -- and he made the rules very
14 clear.

15 MS. BEAL: Right.

16 MS. SCHNUR: As they did the entire day.
17 And I didn't see anybody and I know that I did not
18 disobey any of that as well.

19 MS. BEAL: Hmm.

20 MS. SCHNUR: I -- I don't know. I think I
21 was very -- I can't say I was uncomfortable, but I -
22 - I just never wanted to feel that I was in the way
23 so I -- I really made sure that when I was standing
24 somewhere that -- that I would never be in the

1 crew's way or things like that, and that was the
2 entire -- that was through the entire day. It
3 wasn't just for those particular maneuvers or for
4 the blow. I just -- I felt my place was to be,
5 maybe, seen and not heard and not be in the way --

6 MS. BEAL: Yeah.

7 MS. SCHNUR: -- and that was just my --

8 MS. BEAL: Well, did you -- I mean were any
9 -- was there in any way any distractions that you
10 saw created by the civilians in the command center?

11 MS. SCHNUR: I didn't see that.

12 MS. BEAL: Okay.

13 MS. SCHNUR: I -- I thought that everybody
14 was being very respectful.

15 MS. BEAL: Good. Let me -- can I call you
16 Susan?

17 MS. SCHNUR: Yeah.

18 MS. BEAL: Okay. Let me ask you just to
19 retrace one thing you told me now. Okay. You said
20 the commander looked through the periscopes and --
21 periscope and did at least two, possibly three
22 sweeps?

23 MS. SCHNUR: Yes.

24 MS. BEAL: Okay. And then he went to the

1 sonar room?

2 MS. SCHNUR: No.

3 MS. BEAL: Run me -- run -- run that --

4 MS. SCHNUR: No.

5 MS. BEAL: -- sequence --

6 MS. SCHNUR: It was the other way around.

7 MS. BEAL: Okay.

8 MS. SCHNUR: He -- he checked out something

9 in the sonar room and then came out and did his

10 sweeps.

11 MS. BEAL: Okay. And then there was a

12 second set of sweeps, though, right?

13 MS. SCHNUR: Yes.

14 MS. BEAL: Okay. Run through that whole

15 sequence for me again, the sonar sweeps?

16 MS. SCHNUR: Well, the sonar -- the sonar's

17 different than the sweeps. The -- Cohen. He was

18 the officer in charge. He -- he did the original

19 set of sweeps.

20 MS. BEAL: Periscope sweeps. I -- I was --

21 MS. SCHNUR: Yeah, yeah. That's what they

22 -- that is what they call 'em.

23 MS. BEAL: Okay. Okay. The first -- then

24 the first periscope sweeps were performed by -- by

1 whom?

2 MS. SCHNUR: By Officer Cohen.

3 MS. BEAL: Cohen. Okay.

4 MS. SCHNUR: And the commander was -- you
5 know, and I -- I'm not 100 percent sure of when this
6 whole -- exactly when this sonar thing -- that
7 conversation happened. It was very fast.

8 MS. BEAL: Uh huh. Okay.

9 MS. SCHNUR: And I'm -- I'm just -- I'm not
10 100 percent sure of the -- of the exact timing of
11 it, but I do know that -- that he came -- when he
12 came out from checking real quick whatever it was he
13 was checking --

14 MS. BEAL: The commander?

15 MS. SCHNUR: -- he made sweeps.

16 MS. BEAL: I'm sorry. The -- when the
17 commander came out?

18 MS. SCHNUR: Yes.

19 MS. BEAL: Okay. Then he went and did a
20 second set of sweeps?

21 MS. SCHNUR: Yes.

22 MS. BEAL: Okay. Okay.

23 MS. SCHNUR: And so anyway, as -- as the
24 procedure started --

1 MS. BEAL: And what was his comment when he
2 was coming out of the sonar room?

3 MS. SCHNUR: He said something to the
4 effect -- well, at some point and I -- I don't think
5 it was during his sweeps or -- or it might have -- I
6 don't -- I'm -- I'm just having a real tough time
7 exactly when. It was right around that time the XO
8 poked his head out. It may have been during Cohen's
9 sweeps. But he poked his head out and -- and the
10 commander looked up at him and said, yes, XO, I saw
11 that, I'm fully aware of it, and then whatever the
12 XO -- he made another comment that I didn't catch.
13 And he said, yeah, maybe it's best that you stay in
14 there for this procedure.

15 MS. BEAL: Okay.

16 MS. SCHNUR: And so the -- the XO was in
17 the sonar room the whole time.

18 MS. BEAL: Okay.

19 MS. SCHNUR: I think.

20 MS. BEAL: Okay.

21 MS. SCHNUR: At least that's where I saw
22 him go back. And I -- I didn't -- I don't recall
23 seeing him after that during the procedure.

24 MS. BEAL: Okay.

1 MS. SCHNUR: So when he started the
2 procedure --

3 (There was a click on the telephone line.)

4 MS. BEAL: Is that your phone?

5 MS. SCHNUR: It is, but I can --

6 MS. BEAL: Okay.

7 MS. SCHNUR: -- ignore it.

8 MS. BEAL: Okay.

9 MS. SCHNUR: I've been ignoring that.

10 MS. BEAL: All right.

11 MS. SCHNUR: He asked -- I don't remember
12 what his commands were, but -- but he had a certain
13 specific set of commands and I could never for the
14 life of me ever remember what it was. But the
15 questions that -- that I keep hearing were yes,
16 there was a civilian who did something to start the
17 procedure. I think it -- it appeared to me to be
18 extraordinarily token --

19 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

20 MS. SCHNUR: -- when he did it. But he did
21 have whoever was in charge of that particular piece
22 of machinery was right behind him and right with him
23 and it was explaining to him what it was that he
24 needed to do.

1 I didn't have a very good angle of that. I
2 couldn't -- couldn't see that very well 'cause I was
3 completely on the other side. But I -- I could kind
4 -- I could kind of see that -- that the officer was
5 right behind him, and in fact, he was what kept my
6 view from being on that -- that person who was doing
7 it.

8 And then -- then they had this other
9 civilian at the helm, and I remember that 'cause I
10 could see that pretty clearly. And he also had a
11 guy who was right on him. He was like right -- like
12 almost kneeling right next to him explaining what to
13 do and making sure that -- that it was done
14 properly. But I also did get the impression that it
15 was relatively token in the procedure as well
16 because it just didn't seem like -- it just didn't
17 seem like he was doing anything all that serious.
18 Just my perception.

19 So anyway, the -- this maneuver started and
20 -- and we were shooting up towards the top. And we
21 must have surfaced and -- and I heard this -- I
22 didn't feel any major shudder or anything like that.
23 I -- in fact, I can't even recall the sensation of
24 -- of us shooting up and -- and -- and like,

1 slamming back down into the water. I don't -- I
2 don't even recall that. I was very -- I guess I was
3 braced so heavily against this desk that the desk
4 probably cushioned me from any major blows 'cause I
5 wasn't having to hold onto something above me where
6 my body would go in whatever direction we were
7 going. I was just --

8 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

9 MS. SCHNUR: -- hugging this podium thing.

10 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

11 MS. SCHNUR: And -- but I did hear -- I did
12 hear a sound, and it sounded rather odd but -- but
13 not ever having done this before I didn't know if
14 that was something that -- you know, it could have
15 been us slamming down. It could have been anything
16 to me. But I was looking at -- throughout the
17 entire thing I was -- I was -- I was pretty much
18 watching the commander 'cause I was -- I was
19 relatively in awe of him and -- and his control and
20 his poise and his -- just the way that he handled
21 his crew and commanded this -- the respect of his
22 crew. That's -- that's what I was focusing on.

23 And -- and as that noise happened I -- I --
24 I was looking at his face and it -- his face kind of

1 turned white and he -- and he said, Jesus, what the
2 hell was that?

3 And I'm thinking that it was -- it was the
4 officer in charge but I don't know, but somebody
5 responded to him, I don't know, sir, I don't know.

6 And at that point I saw Pfeiffer -- I think
7 he came in from the sonar room but I do not know for
8 sure. They were kind of looking around. They --
9 they -- they -- they pulled the periscope around and
10 pretty quickly they locked onto the -- the -- the
11 boat that they had hit. And we could see this on
12 the screen. As soon as they realized what happened
13 I believe the captain said, that is the -- the --
14 and he said the name but to me it sounded like Iwo
15 Jima. I don't -- but he said -- it was clear that
16 he said the name of the boat.

17 At that point the XO said, sir, should we
18 escort our guests? And we were told then to go down
19 to the -- the crew's mess. And so we went down to
20 the crew's mess and --

21 MS. BEAL: So the XO came out of the sonar
22 room at that point and that's when he asked if he
23 should -- escort the guests?

24 MS. SCHNUR: Yes.

1 MS. BEAL: Okay.

2 MS. SCHNUR: I'm pretty sure he came out of
3 the sonar room, but -- but I'm not 100 percent sure.

4 MS. BEAL: Okay.

5 MS. SCHNUR: But that's where he became
6 visual to me.

7 MS. BEAL: Okay.

8 MS. SCHNUR: And -- and he would have come
9 by us, and so I -- I'm pretty sure that's what
10 happened.

11 MS. BEAL: And did you hear any
12 conversation in the sonar room during this event?

13 MS. SCHNUR: I -- no.

14 MS. BEAL: Okay.

15 MS. SCHNUR: No. I wasn't paying any
16 attention to it.

17 MS. BEAL: Okay.

18 MS. SCHNUR: And I'm not sure I could have
19 anyway. They have a curtain that's drawn.

20 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

21 MS. SCHNUR: And they talk -- they talk
22 pretty quietly in there.

23 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

24 MS. SCHNUR: So anyway, we went down to the

1 -- the crew's mess, and they --

2 MS. BEAL: Well, let's back up. When they
3 -- when the periscope then locked on the fishing
4 vessel in distress, what -- can you describe what
5 you saw?

6 MS. SCHNUR: I saw a boat, and I said to
7 whomever was around me, we need to get out of here.
8 And I immediately tried looking around for
9 direction on how to -- 'cause I knew. I mean you
10 knew something was wrong and -- and there was no
11 place for us where we were.

12 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

13 MS. SCHNUR: They obviously needed to do
14 what they needed to do. So I personally was trying
15 to get direction as to how we can get out of their
16 way so they can handle what needed to be handled.
17 Not that we were in the way. I'm not insinuating
18 that at all.

19 MS. BEAL: Right. I understand.

20 MS. SCHNUR: But I realized our place
21 wasn't there.

22 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

23 MS. SCHNUR: And so I was not watching the
24 screen anymore.

1 MS. BEAL: Okay.

2 MS. SCHNUR: I -- I -- I saw the boat. I
3 thought I knew what happened. I didn't know for
4 sure until we got down to the crew's mess where they
5 also had the flat screen down there. And that's
6 when we saw the boat taking on water very fast.

7 MS. BEAL: Okay.

8 MS. SCHNUR: And that's when it hit me the
9 reality of what had happened.

10 Now, on my way down I was trying to decide
11 to myself whether or not we were going down, too.

12 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

13 MS. SCHNUR: Because obviously we had hit
14 something.

15 MS. BEAL: Sure.

16 MS. SCHNUR: I had no way of knowing. I
17 didn't know their language. I wasn't really
18 listening to their language nor would I have been
19 able to understand because they were -- they were --
20 the commands that they were talking about were
21 things that I didn't understand. And it wasn't for
22 a little while before I heard the captain say when
23 we were down in the -- when we were in the mess --
24 and we weren't there very long, but when he said

1 that we were going to be turning in a search and
2 rescue did I realize that we were probably okay
3 because we wouldn't have been going on the search
4 and rescue had we not been okay.

5 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

6 MS. SCHNUR: So I guess, on the selfish
7 standpoint, that's what I was worried about on our
8 quick journey from the control room down to the --
9 the mess where we were asked to be.

10 And we were only in there a couple minutes
11 and the -- the commander got on and said something
12 to the effect of -- very professionally, very
13 compassionately he was saying that -- that -- that
14 we -- and this was to everybody, that -- that --
15 that we had hit the whatever, the boat was -- still
16 can't pronounce it. We're going to be turning into
17 search and rescue. I would like our visitors to be
18 escorted to the torpedo room because the -- the
19 crew's mess as well as the officer's mess needed to
20 turn into -- I don't remember the -- the words they
21 used but something that made me realize it was going
22 to be a triage.

23 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

24 MS. SCHNUR: And -- and the crew was

1 already starting to get ready for that. And -- and
2 he talked about the divers getting ready and -- and
3 talking to his crew about to -- to keep calm, to --
4 to realize that this is what we always trained for
5 and here we are and let's do it the right way.

6 And so we got down to the torpedo room and
7 just -- just -- we just waited there and got briefed
8 here and there for I don't know how long that it was
9 we were -- we were down there before -- before we
10 were moved on to the next thing. I think -- I don't
11 know how long it was. It may have been an hour, it
12 may have been two hours, I -- I really don't know.

13 MS. BEAL: Right.

14 MS. SCHNUR: But at some point we were
15 moved back up to the -- the crew's mess. I guess
16 when they realized that -- that they weren't going
17 to be able to take anyone in.

18 And -- and we heard those conversations too
19 that -- and there was a point in time when we were
20 in the torpedo room that they asked if anybody spoke
21 -- or they started out with Chinese. Did anybody
22 speak Chinese? We're having communications
23 problems. We're trying to tell them that the waters
24 are too choppy, that it's not safe for them to come

1 here but we can't get through to them because they
2 don't -- we're having a communication barrier.

3 And then -- then shortly thereafter they
4 realized, I guess, it was Japanese and asked if
5 anybody spoke Japanese. And if so, we -- we really
6 need to -- to try to be able to communicate because
7 they're not understanding what it is we're saying
8 and they need to understand that -- that -- that it
9 would be way too risky for them to try to get on our
10 ship and that the Coast Guard's within 10 minutes or
11 15 minutes away.

12 MS. BEAL: And now we're -- you're in the
13 torpedo room at this point. Were there screens in
14 there?

15 MS. SCHNUR: No. We saw nothing --

16 MS. BEAL: Okay.

17 MS. SCHNUR: -- after we left that mess.

18 MS. BEAL: Okay.

19 MS. SCHNUR: We saw nothing on the outside
20 anyway.

21 MS. BEAL: When you were in the mess could
22 you see people trying to get off the --

23 MS. SCHNUR: No. I --

24 MS. BEAL: -- of the Ehime Maru?

1 MS. SCHNUR: -- didn't see anybody.
2 MS. BEAL: No?
3 MS. SCHNUR: No.
4 MS. BEAL: You saw no people?
5 MS. SCHNUR: I saw no people.
6 MS. BEAL: Okay. Okay.
7 MS. SCHNUR: Just saw the boat --
8 MS. BEAL: Uh huh.
9 MS. SCHNUR: -- taking on a lot of water.
10 MS. BEAL: Uh huh.
11 MS. SCHNUR: That's why I was very
12 surprised and thrilled when I heard that 26 people
13 survived 'cause I -- I don't know where they were
14 when we were watching it, but -- but you know, they
15 were very -- the -- the periscope can focus in on
16 and -- and really it was taking in the ship. It
17 wasn't taking the waters around it.
18 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.
19 MS. SCHNUR: So if they were in the waters
20 around it we wouldn't have seen it --
21 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.
22 MS. SCHNUR: -- with the view that they
23 had.
24 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm. Okay.

1 MS. SCHNUR: And I didn't -- we didn't -- I
2 -- I didn't see anybody trying to get off the
3 boat as it was taking on water. I just -- I just
4 did not -- I did not see any people at all.

5 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm. Okay.

6 Okay. Anything else?

7 MS. SCHNUR: I'm trying to think. I mean
8 from there on we were just getting briefings. We
9 were up in the mess and at some point they decided
10 that they were going to keep us overnight. And --
11 and I've got to say they were -- they were a
12 wonderful crew. They -- from the commander all the
13 way on down they -- they really took care of us from
14 the moment we got on to the moment we left. Even --
15 even through the tragedy and the accident they all
16 showed respect for their job, respect for the -- the
17 other crew members, respect for their guests,
18 respect for their position. You knew that they were
19 all scared and didn't know what was coming but they
20 all did their jobs and they all did it
21 professionally.

22 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

23 MS. SCHNUR: And compassionately.

24 MS. BEAL: Why were you -- why were you

1 told you were going to be spending the night on the
2 boat?

3 MS. SCHNUR: Because they wanted to assist
4 with the search and rescue and the waters were too
5 choppy for any sort of transfer out there, which is
6 why we didn't take the survivors on board, because
7 they -- the water was too choppy and it would have
8 been too risky.

9 MS. BEAL: Okay. Okay. And during the
10 course of the night were there conversations between
11 the crew and the civilians regarding what had
12 happened?

13 MS. SCHNUR: No. Well, when we were in the
14 torpedo room there was an officer, and I want to say
15 it was Harris. Not 100 percent sure. He was -- he
16 was African American. I don't -- I can't even --
17 age, probably mid 20s. He came down to brief us.
18 And the first time he came down to brief us he told
19 us that we had hit -- that we had hit what looked to
20 be a whaling boat. And I don't remember what he
21 told -- the what -- what I remember distinctly about
22 that conversation is he said, well, we're not sure
23 if it went down. Like that it went down and -- and
24 -- and from what we saw in the -- in the officer's

1 mess we were sure that it went down --

2 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

3 MS. SCHNUR: -- 'cause the way the water
4 was taken -- it would have been very shocking had --
5 had the -- had -- had it not gone down. But -- but
6 that was pretty shortly after we were down there and
7 I think he was just trying to calm our nerves or
8 assure us or whatever.

9 But after -- after that there was a --
10 chief of staff, and he did brief us. Do I remember
11 what it was he -- well, yeah, he did -- he did -- he
12 did tell us that -- he ended up telling us when they
13 knew it was a fishing trawler. He told us that --
14 that -- that 26 were in lifeboats and -- and also
15 once they had gotten rescued that they were rescued,
16 that they think that there was nine missing. They
17 told us that. He told us it was Japanese. He told
18 us -- as the night and morning transpired he -- he
19 was the one -- the chief of staff was the one who --
20 who took notes from us as to who we wanted called to
21 let them know we were okay since we were going to be
22 staying overnight. He let us know that -- I think
23 he was the one who let us know that -- that the
24 incident had gone very high profile, that -- that

1 there was what they thought to be a news camera that
2 had taken pictures and that it had become an
3 international incident involving very high-level
4 people.

5 Yeah, they did keep us informed. But did
6 they ever talk about what happened? No. We still
7 don't know what happened.

8 MS. BEAL: Okay.

9 MS. SCHNUR: I'm not sure they knew what
10 happened. If they did, no, they didn't tell us.

11 MS. BEAL: Right. I understand.

12 MS. SCHNUR: But the commander came in and
13 briefed us several times, even up until the very
14 last time. He came in and he just -- he apologized
15 profusely for the experience that we had had. It
16 wasn't supposed to be that way. It was supposed to
17 be a lot of fun. He had promised us initially that
18 he was going to sign a picture and -- and make sure
19 that we had that as a souvenir. And he told us that
20 -- that -- kind of early on in the evening that --
21 he said, I know you're going to think I'm crazy for
22 thinking about this but I haven't forgotten about
23 the things that I promised you and that's part of
24 what I do.

1 He told us the motto of the ship, and I
2 know honesty and integrity was there. I don't
3 remember the third component. He told us to try to
4 remember what it is we saw and to speak the truth
5 about it and to not embellish at all, that the truth
6 is always what needs to come out in the end. And
7 then -- and then upon -- he came in -- as we were
8 going back into Pearl Harbor that next morning he
9 came in with our pictures. Again he apologized that
10 we -- we had to have the experience that we had and
11 -- and it doesn't typically work that way. And he -
12 - he said he didn't know what his own future was but
13 that he hopes that we remember that -- that
14 everybody on that ship stands for that motto, which
15 was the honesty, integrity, and the other component
16 which I don't seem to be able to remember right now.

17 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

18 MS. SCHNUR: And just very classy. Very,
19 very, very classy.

20 Said that I'm commander of the ship.
21 Everything comes down to me. I apologize. I -- I
22 don't want you to think negatively of the Navy or
23 the military. I mean all -- just all the right
24 class things that -- that -- to say, knowing what he

1 was going through.

2 MS. BEAL: Yeah. Okay. Susan, when you
3 were in the command room, do you remember who was
4 standing around you?

5 MS. SCHNUR: My husband Tony was right off
6 to my right.

7 MS. BEAL: Okay.

8 MS. SCHNUR: To my --

9 MS. BEAL: So what -- okay. So off to your
10 right then was toward where the -- where the
11 controls were or --

12 MS. SCHNUR: No. It would have been closer
13 to the sonar room.

14 MS. BEAL: Okay.

15 MS. SCHNUR: He would have been closer to
16 the sonar room.

17 MS. BEAL: Okay.

18 MS. SCHNUR: I think that Koshy Wyatt was
19 near us.

20 MS. BEAL: Okay.

21 MS. SCHNUR: I think to my left was Mrs.
22 Clary. I don't know her first name. She -- she
23 wasn't in our group. And that's all I remember who
24 were right by us.

1 MS. BEAL: Okay. That's fine. That's --
2 yeah. That helps. Okay. I mean, you know, it
3 helps us to visualize who all was where in that
4 room, so that -- that helps us --

5 MS. SCHNUR: I -- and I hope I don't mess
6 you up. I'm -- I'm only trying to make sure that I
7 --

8 MS. BEAL: Well, no, we're getting
9 statements from everybody, so you know, I mean we'll
10 -- we'll put all these pieces together and come up
11 with, you know, some sort of a picture.

12 MS. SCHNUR: Hopefully I didn't mislead you
13 in any way, shape, or form.

14 MS. BEAL: Yeah, yeah. So anything else
15 that you would like to share with us?

16 MS. SCHNUR: Not that I can think of. I
17 may come up with something --

18 MS. BEAL: Okay.

19 MS. SCHNUR: -- later, but I -- I don't
20 think -- do you have any questions?

21 MS. BEAL: No, I -- I -- you know, I think
22 that, you know, so long as you gave me everything
23 you remember from the time you reached the base.
24 And then the next day.

1 Okay. Well, we didn't talk about how you
2 got off the boat. Then I guess they sent a -- they
3 sent another boat out to -- to pick you up?

4 MS. SCHNUR: It was like a -- it was like a
5 ferry. Well -- well, and then the night we spent --
6 we ended up spending the majority -- they asked if -
7 - if we wanted to eat and they had set up food in
8 the -- in the crew's mess. And then -- and then we
9 all ended up in the officer's mess where they --
10 they brought out cards. They -- they had DVDs
11 available for people who wanted to watch movies on
12 their little flat screen that's in the officer's
13 mess. They -- they brought, like, snacks and things
14 in there.

15 And -- and when people were ready to go to
16 bed they escorted them down to -- they had cleared
17 out a -- a quarters. I think they said it was a 21-
18 bed area, and that's where the civilians were going
19 to be able to sleep.

20 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

21 MS. SCHNUR: And I stayed -- I know I
22 stayed up in the officer's mess until probably 1:00,
23 and then I finally couldn't handle anymore and --
24 and was escorted down to where my -- I know they

1 don't call it bunk but whatever it is they call
2 those. And -- and I stayed in there till about
3 5:00, got out, went to breakfast where they were
4 serving breakfast in the crew's mess, and stayed in
5 the crew's mess -- no, I didn't stay there for that
6 long. We ate and then we went back to the officer's
7 mess where we stayed there until it was time for us
8 to get off. And we were off-loaded onto this ferry
9 where we were transported back into the harbor. And
10 then we went to a debriefing room.

11 MS. BEAL: And what happened there?

12 MS. SCHNUR: A very quick conversation.
13 The -- we all sat down. It was like a theater
14 almost. Admiral -- I think his name's Knepsky or
15 something of that nature, something like that. He
16 spoke, apologized for us being involved in that,
17 tried to let us know where it stood, that it was an
18 international incident and the press is pretty
19 heavily on it. Again, told us that -- that they
20 would not release our names until they were forced
21 to release our names. They told us that -- that
22 definite -- no, he -- he said probably the NTSB will
23 be conducting its own investigation, that they were
24 going to cooperate and that if we were called -- if

1 we chose to we should cooperate. And then again
2 told us to -- to -- to tell the truth, the truth as
3 you saw it and as you remember it.

4 And again, apologized and -- and that was
5 about it. It was very quick.

6 MS. BEAL: Okay.

7 MS. SCHNUR: I was kind of surprised it
8 wasn't more than that, but again, I don't know what
9 more they would have done except maybe some grief
10 kind of stuff.

11 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

12 MS. SCHNUR: But.

13 MS. BEAL: And have you had any further
14 communication with them since that time?

15 MS. SCHNUR: With the Navy?

16 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

17 MS. SCHNUR: We have talked to -- I don't
18 know what his title is, but it's Warner. He's --
19 he's involved in public relations.

20 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

21 MS. SCHNUR: We talked to him because --
22 I'm trying to think. Three or four days after the -
23 - the incident we started getting calls from NBC in
24 Houston.

1 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

2 MS. SCHNUR: And we didn't really know how
3 to handle the press and we wanted his advice.

4 MS. BEAL: Mm-hmm.

5 MS. SCHNUR: Of course, he didn't tell us
6 what to do.

7 MS. BEAL: Right.

8 MS. SCHNUR: He just said, well, these are
9 some of your options. You can choose not to talk to
10 them, you can choose to refer them directly to me if
11 you want, and he gave us the phone number where the
12 press could contact him. And he just kind of let us
13 go. And so we've had, I would say, two or three
14 conversations with him strictly regarding how to
15 handle the press.

16 MS. BEAL: Okay. Okay.

17 MS. SCHNUR: Again, nobody's told us what
18 happened, how it happened, anything like that. But
19 --

20 MS. BEAL: So there have been no further
21 communications, then, regarding the incident -- the
22 accident itself? Just --

23 MS. SCHNUR: No. I would love to know. I
24 mean I would love to know who to call to ask about

1 it, but no, huh uh. It's just really been strictly
2 how to handle the press.

3 MS. BEAL: Okay. Okay.

4 MS. SCHNUR: And there's been -- we've had
5 probably two or three conversations.

6 MS. BEAL: Okay. Very good. Very good.
7 All righty. Well, do you -- if you don't have
8 anything else, I don't think I do at this point.

9 MS. SCHNUR: Okay.

10 MS. BEAL: Like I said, I would like to
11 reserve the right to call you back if we need some
12 additional information. Other people will, like I
13 said, be listening to this tape and, you know,
14 putting together this with the other interviews from
15 the other passengers to try to give us a clear
16 picture of --

17 MS. SCHNUR: Okay.

18 MS. BEAL: -- you know, of what was going
19 on in that room.

20 MS. SCHNUR: Will you potentially call me
21 for clarification if something --

22 MS. BEAL: Yes, absolutely.

23 MS. SCHNUR: Okay. That's fine.

24 MS. BEAL: If we have any -- if we -- you

1 know, if we have any -- any further questions either
2 I or somebody else from the --

3 MS. SCHNUR: Okay.

4 MS. BEAL: -- the investigation will give
5 you a call if need be.

6 And you feel free -- you have -- you still
7 have the number for our command center?

8 MS. SCHNUR: I do.

9 MS. BEAL: Okay. You feel free to call me
10 if you have any questions or if you think of
11 anything, you know, that you didn't talk about that
12 you think may be of interest to us. You know, feel
13 free to give us a call. We're -- we'll be happy to
14 take any additional information as it becomes
15 available.

16 MS. SCHNUR: Okay. And we -- we -- or I
17 will get a transcript?

18 MS. BEAL: Sure. Yeah. I don't know --
19 I'm not sure how they handle it. I don't know
20 whether we'll just make you a copy of the tape or
21 whether we'll actually send you a transcript or
22 both.

23 MS. SCHNUR: Okay.

24 MS. BEAL: I'm not sure. Most of the

1 marine office is in Hawaii and -- and so, you know,
2 there are some of us that are sort of chipping in
3 here to help out. And I'm not sure how that office
4 handles it exactly, but --

5 MS. SCHNUR: Okay.

6 MS. BEAL: -- but, you know, you definitely
7 will get something from us. All righty?

8 MS. SCHNUR: Sounds good.

9 MS. BEAL: Good. Has your husband come
10 home?

11 MS. SCHNUR: He has. Let me go find him,
12 okay?

13 MS. BEAL: All righty.

14 MS. SCHNUR: Just a moment.

15 MS. BEAL: Thank you, Susan. Good talking
16 to you.

17 MS. SCHNUR: Thank you.

18 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)

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